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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 17a-485c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3       (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in  
4       collaboration with the Commissioners of Social Services, Correction,  
5       Children and Families and Economic and Community Development,  
6       [and] the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority [,] and the Court  
7       Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, shall establish [a  
8       Supportive Housing Initiative] supportive housing initiatives to  
9       provide additional units of affordable housing and support services to  
10      eligible persons. [The Supportive Housing Initiative shall be  
11      implemented in two phases with the first phase to be known as the  
12      Supportive Housing Pilots Initiative and the second phase to be known  
13      as the Next Steps Initiative.] Individuals and families with special  
14      needs and individuals and families at risk for homelessness shall be  
15      eligible for such supportive housing initiatives.

16      [(b) The Supportive Housing Pilots Initiative shall provide up to six

17 hundred fifty additional units of affordable housing and support  
 18 services to eligible households, as defined in section 17a-484a, and to  
 19 persons with serious mental health needs who are community-  
 20 supervised offenders supervised by the executive or judicial branch.  
 21 Such housing shall be permanent supportive housing or transitional  
 22 living programs, and the permanent supportive housing may include  
 23 both individuals and families with special needs and individuals and  
 24 families without such needs.]

25 [(c)] (b) [The Next Steps Initiative shall provide up to one thousand  
 26 additional units of affordable housing and support services]  
 27 Supportive housing initiatives and support services shall be provided  
 28 to: (1) Eligible households, as defined in section 17a-484a; (2) families  
 29 who are eligible under the [state plan for the federal] temporary  
 30 assistance for needy families program; (3) adults who are eighteen to  
 31 twenty-three years of age, inclusive, and who are homeless, or at risk  
 32 for becoming homeless because they are transitioning from foster care  
 33 or other residential programs; and (4) persons with serious mental  
 34 health needs who are community-supervised offenders supervised by  
 35 the executive or judicial branch. [Such housing shall be permanent  
 36 supportive housing and may include both individuals and families  
 37 with special needs and individuals and families without such needs.]

38 [(d)] (c) The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall issue one  
 39 or more requests for proposals by persons or entities interested in  
 40 participating in such [initiative with priority given] supportive  
 41 housing initiatives to applicants that include organizations deemed  
 42 qualified to provide services by the Departments of Mental Health and  
 43 Addiction Services, Social Services and Children and Families. The  
 44 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall review and underwrite  
 45 development projects [developed under the Supportive Housing  
 46 Initiative. For purposes of this subsection, "state assistance" means a  
 47 payment by the state of actual debt service, comprised of principal,  
 48 interest, interest rate swap payments, liquidity fees, letter of credit fees,  
 49 trustee fees, and other similar bond-related expenses] undertaken

50 pursuant to such supportive housing initiatives.

51 (d) The Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and  
52 Social Services shall issue, within available appropriations, one or  
53 more requests for proposals in a scattered site model for homeless  
54 individuals with psychiatric disabilities and substance use disorders.

55 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 8-395 of the general statutes is  
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
57 *passage*):

58 (h) In no event shall the total amount of all tax credits allowed to all  
59 business firms pursuant to the provisions of this section exceed ten  
60 million dollars in any one fiscal year, provided, each year until the date  
61 sixty days after the date the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority  
62 publishes the list of housing programs that will receive tax credit  
63 reservations, two million dollars of the total amount of all tax credits  
64 under this section shall be set aside for [the Supportive Housing Pilots  
65 Initiative, the Next Steps Initiative established pursuant to section 17a-  
66 485c or any other supportive housing initiative] supportive housing  
67 initiatives established pursuant to section 17a-485c, as amended by this  
68 act, and one million dollars of the total amount of all tax credits under  
69 this section shall be set aside for workforce housing, as defined by the  
70 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority through written procedures  
71 adopted pursuant to subsection (k) of this section. Each year, on or  
72 after the date sixty days after the date the Connecticut Housing  
73 Finance Authority publishes the list of housing programs that will  
74 receive tax credit reservations, any unused portion of such tax credits  
75 shall become available for any housing program eligible for tax credits  
76 pursuant to this section.

77 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 17a-485e of the general statutes is  
78 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
79 *passage*):

80 (b) The State Bond Commission may authorize the State Treasurer

81 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to enter into  
82 a contract or contracts to provide state assistance on bonds issued by  
83 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority as provided in this  
84 section. If so authorized by the State Bond Commission, the state,  
85 acting by and through the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
86 Management and the State Treasurer, shall enter into a contract or  
87 contracts with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority that  
88 provide the state shall pay to said authority state assistance on bonds  
89 issued by said authority for purposes of providing funds for mortgage  
90 loans made by said authority pursuant to the provisions of section 17a-  
91 485c, as amended by this act, funds for reasonable repair and  
92 replacement reserves and costs of issuance in an aggregate principal  
93 amount not to exceed one hundred five million dollars. Any provision  
94 of such a contract entered into providing for payments equal to annual  
95 debt service shall constitute a full faith and credit obligation of the  
96 state and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of any  
97 bonds or refunding bonds, as applicable, appropriation of all amounts  
98 necessary to meet punctually the terms of such contract is hereby made  
99 and the State Treasurer shall pay such amounts as the same become  
100 due. The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority may pledge such  
101 state assistance as security for the payment of such bonds or refunding  
102 bonds issued by said authority. Any bonds so issued for [the  
103 Supportive Housing Initiative] supportive housing initiatives by the  
104 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and at any time outstanding  
105 may, at any time or from time to time, be refunded, in whole or in part,  
106 by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority by the issuance of its  
107 refunding bonds in such amounts as the authority may deem  
108 necessary or appropriate, but not exceeding an amount sufficient to  
109 refund the principal amount of the bonds to be so refunded, any  
110 unpaid interest thereon, and any premiums, commissions and costs of  
111 issuance necessary to be paid in connection therewith. The state, acting  
112 by and through the Office of Policy and Management and the State  
113 Treasurer and without further authorization, may execute an  
114 amendment to any contract providing state assistance as required in

115 connection with such refunding bonds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-485c
Sec.	<i>from passage</i>	8-395(h)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	17a-485e(b)

***Statement of Purpose:***

To update state statutes to accurately reflect the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' responsibilities concerning supportive housing.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*